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Engineering Director Kyrik Rombough and the Division of Environmental Services
SD Department of Environment and Natural Resources
523 E. Capitol
Pierre, SD 57501

To the Division of Environmental Services of the SD DENR:

I am dismayed that you have approved an air pollution permit for the proposed Hyperion crude oil refinery intended for Union County, South Dakota. While the federal Environmental Protection Agency's guidelines may make it legal for the refinery to annually release 10 million pounds of carbon monoxide, fine particulate matter, sulfur dioxide, nitrogen oxides, volatile organic compounds, sulfuric acid and hydrogen sulfide, as well as large quantities of benzene, into our air, any rational person should recognize that ten million pounds is a significant and unacceptable amount of pollution. It seems that the EPA and the DENR are not serving their purpose of protecting the environment and natural resources of the citizens of this nation and state.

We, the taxpayers of South Dakota fund your agency, and we expect you to regulate corporations that threaten our clean environment and resources. Instead you have agreed to allow Hyperion to double the carbon dioxide emissions of the state of South Dakota. In doing so, you ignore the warnings of our top scientists who urge us to regulate the corporations and insist that they cut carbon dioxide and other emissions in order to prevent environmental disaster.

Currently we taxpayers are faced with spending almost a trillion dollars to bail out the banks and lending agencies, which have irresponsibly handled our economy, infusing it with exorbitant debt. If our federal government had exercised more oversight and regulated this practice, we taxpayers would not be caught holding the bag. Now we witness our environmental agencies' refusal to stop Hyperion corporation from infusing our environment with pollution. If you allow corporations to control the EPA and the SD DENR, taxpayers will again be left holding a bag that cannot possibly contain the toxins. Hyperion's footprint would reach much farther than Union County. Now is the time to act to protect the citizens and resources of our state and nation. There is no room in our environment for Hyperion's pollution. I expect you to do your job, serve your constituents, and deny this corporation a permit to dangerously pollute our air.

Sincerely,



Norma C. Wilson